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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This paper addresses the Office Action dated March 17, 2006.

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 17, 2006 states that the present invention includes claims directed to the following inventions:

Group 1, claims 1 to 26.

Group 2, claims 27 to 42.

Applicants were required to elect a single group in response to the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully elect Group 1, without traverse.